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# EQUALITY IN ENERGY TRANSITIONS INITIATIVE 2022 AWARDS

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## EQUALITY IN ENERGY TRANSITIONS INITIATIVE AWARDS 2022

Recognizing leadership and achievement promotes career advancement and inspires women of all ages to contribute to the clean energy field, and helps to close the gender gap. That's why the Equality in Energy Transitions Initiative (Equality Initiative) has established an international awards program. Canada is leading this effort with the partnership of NRCan and Women in Renewable Energy (WiRE), and hopes to bring other Equality Initiative countries on board to help advance the international Equality Initiative awards program. The program will contribute to Equality Initiative's goals to inspire women around clean energy issues to attract more young women to these important careers, support their advancement into leadership positions, and connect women in clean energy around the globe.

### What are the key objectives of the initiative?

To support the advancement of women in the energy sector by recognizing and celebrating professional women based on merit.

To increase awareness of strong female role models and their successes to inspire other women and highlight the existing male bias to a high-level audience - Domestic & International audience.

### What is the Clean Energy Ministerial?

The Clean Energy Ministerial is a high-level global forum to promote policies and programs that advance clean energy technology, to share lessons learned and best practices, and to encourage the transition to a global clean energy economy. The host city for the 2022 Clean Energy Ministerial Forum is Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Learn more at [Clean Energy Ministerial 2022](#)

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## AWARD CATEGORIES

### Woman Of Distinction Award

The Equality in Energy Transitions Initiative “*Woman of Distinction Award*” recognizes and celebrates a professional woman working in the energy sector, who goes beyond business-as-usual. A woman of distinction’s success surpasses wealth and material assets and they demonstrate leadership through connecting with people, achieving career goals, and giving back to the community. A woman of distinction is powerful, knowledgeable, and making a clear and measurable difference in the energy sector around the world. They are a role model for other women both new and experienced, and share their strengths through mentorship or volunteer work, and empowering other women.

### Organizational Leadership Award

The Equality in Energy Transitions Initiative “*Organizational Leadership Award*” recognizes an organization that has taken extensive actions to recruit, develop, and retain women within the clean energy sector. This award will showcase organizations that demonstrate outstanding leadership in advancing gender equality and creating inclusive workplaces. This award is open to public, private, and non-profit organizations.

### Emerging Leader In Renewable Energy Award

The Equality in Energy Transitions Initiative “*Emerging Leader Award*” recognizes and celebrates developing talent that has shown outstanding promise to advance gender equality in the energy sector through demonstrated leadership, innovation or initiative. It acknowledges achievements in the areas of Leadership, Policy and Advocacy, Technical advancement and R&D, Project development, Community engagement, promotion/adoption of clean energy technologies, and/or volunteer work.

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## NOMINATIONS

There are general criteria which are the same for each award, and there are unique criteria which are different for each award as well.

### General Criteria For Each Award

- This award initiative is open to every country
- Self-submission is allowed. If self-nominating, only applicant contact information is required
- Nomination is allowed. If nominating someone else or organization, both nominater and applicant contact information is required. Nominations can be made by a Individual, Association, University or College, Professional Society, or other Organizations (including for- and non-profits)
- A 500 word maximum description of applicant, and the grounds on which they merit this award and recognition (*this is part of the application form*)
- Links to social media profiles, websites, publications, etc., that will help us better understand the applicant and how they merit the award and recognition (*this is part of the application form*)

### Unique Criteria For Each Award

#### Woman Of Distinction

- Applicant must be a woman working in the energy sector anywhere in the world
- Applicant must have over 5 years of experience working in the energy sector

#### Organizational

- The organization must be directly involved in the energy sector anywhere in the world
- The organization must demonstrate outstanding leadership in advancing gender equality and creating inclusive workplaces

#### Emerging Leader

- Applicant must be a woman working in the energy sector anywhere in the world
- Applicant must have 1 - 5 years (maximum) experience in working in the energy sector

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## How can a nomination stand out?

Nominees must stand out as leaders who have advanced the role of women and have contributed significantly to the expansion and/or improvement of the clean energy sector. This may be demonstrated by the nominee through excellence in areas such as:

- *Leadership*
- *Policy and advocacy*
- *Technical advancement and R&D*
- *Project development*
- *Community engagement*
- *Promotion/adoption of clean energy technologies*
- *Volunteer work*
- *Being a role model and contributing to the advancement of women in the energy sector*

## Who may submit a nomination?

### Woman of Distinction Award

Nominations of another individual may be submitted by an ;

*Individual, Association, University or College, Professional Society, or other organizations (including for- and non-profits)*

Self-nominations may be submitted by a ;

*Individual*

### Organizational Award

Nominations of an organization may be submitted by an ;

*Individual, Association, University or College, Professional Society, or other organizations (including for- and non-profits)*

Self-nominations may be submitted by an ;

*Association, University or College, Professional Society, or other organizations (including for- and non-profits)*

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## Emerging Leader Award

Nominations of another individual may be submitted by an ;

*Individual, Association, University or College, Professional Society, or other organizations (including for- and non-profits)*

Self-nominations may be submitted by a ;

*Individual*

## How Do I Submit A Nomination?

There are 2 ways to submit a nomination;

- Submit via WiRE's online form
- Download the application form via WiRE's Equality Initiative portal and email to [info@womeninrenewableenergy.ca](mailto:info@womeninrenewableenergy.ca)

**Apply or Nominate Now!**

[Equality in Energy Transitions Initiative Awards 2022 Nomination Webpage](#)

## When is the submission deadline?

The last day submissions are accepted will be **July 13th, 2022**.

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## WINNERS AND EVENT

### How are the winners chosen?

Winners are chosen by a panel of C-suite judges, who have been thoroughly vetted through their years of service in the energy sector, and are regarded with the utmost respect throughout. Much like the nominees, the Equality Initiative judges have an intimate knowledge of what diversity, equity and inclusion requires, as they themselves have worked diligently for many years advancing the role and recognition of women and other under-represented groups in the energy sector. Finalists may be contacted by email if further information is required for adjudication.

### How will the winners be notified?

Winners will be notified by email shortly after the conclusion of the adjudication process. Winners will be notified 3-4 weeks before the beginning of the Clean Energy Ministerial event, September 21-23, 2022, to allow time for winners to prepare for the in person conference, where the winners will be announced and presented their awards. Video acceptance will be possible and virtual participation may also be possible, if a winner is unable to travel. At this time, winners will be asked to send a mailing address where they can receive their physical award, should they not be attending in person.

### What do the winners receive?

Winners will receive a high quality, professionally finished, glass award bearing their name, the name of the accolade they've received, and the Equality Initiative, NRCan, and WiRE insignia. Winners will also be interviewed (by phone) by a WiRE writer, which may be featured in publications on the website and social media platforms of Clean Energy Ministerial, the Equality in Energy Transitions Initiative, Natural Resources Canada, and Women in Renewable Energy.

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